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to interview Virgil Floyd provided a check of your  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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DIRECTOR, FBI

UNSUBS; Mc Carthy Construction  
Company, Joliet, Illinois;  
Francis Curry, Joliet, Illinois  
ANTI-RACKETEERING, LINA 1937 (RM)

USA ROBERT WEINER, CA, on 3/21/36 advised SA C.  
that as result of FBI

USA WEINER believes JACOB CURRY of Joliet, characterized by the newspapers as a Chicago member of Chicago mob who controls gambling in Will County, ILL., as the most logical recipient of any such "payoffs". USA WEINER related that CURRY operated B&W "Big Walter" Hotel in Joliet (from about 1933 to 1947) while CURRY in prison in connection with "Big Walter" Hotel case. USA WEINER requests that pertinent FBI testimony in such cases be reviewed.

Also, since USA WEINER has heard from Chicago Tribune reporter SAMUEL SMITH and from another unnamed source that WEINER, FLOED, convicted of racketeering and sentenced to 2 years on 12/13/35 (Bufile 92-1297), was presently on appeal of conviction to U.S. Supreme Court, is "close" to CURRY, that FLOED be interviewed as he may be cooperative and identify 92-1807 who allegedly paid money to CURRY. USA WEINER at SI quoted by USA WEINER as concerned over question of venue in FLOED's case, has no objection to FLOED's interview at this time by Bureau agents.

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Since FLOID President of Local 79, IBE, AFL-CIO, at Joliet, Bureau authority requested to interview FLOID.

SI advise CG if FLOID previously interviewed, any pertinent results, and FLOID present address, if known.

AUSA [REDACTED], present when USA TIERNEY furnished above information, suggested [REDACTED] be contacted for additional information. [REDACTED] who requested his identity be kept confidential, informed SA [REDACTED] on 3/15/56 that he had investigated the above mentioned income tax case on JAMES, and furnished the following information: The Mc Carthy Construction Company was organized by J. V. MC CARTHY, ALFRED F. SCHUPP, aka "Charlie", and EDWARD J. WALSH, the latter owner of Walsh Oil Company, which handles water and black-top road contracts. He said WALSH and SCHUPP claimed before IBE they said labor representatives but did not identify them. According to TIERNEY, WALSH and SCHUPP furnished capital to FLOID to open a trucking business and they then hired FLOID to do their trucking.

CG will contact USA TIERNEY to review pertinent FBI testimony and thereafter interview FLOID upon receipt of Bureau authorization.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: April 24, 1956

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (92-187)

SUBJECT: UNSUBS; McCarthy Construction Company,  
Joliet, Illinois, Et Al  
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For your information, Federal Grand Jury testimony has been reviewed in this case and tentative arrangements made to interview [redacted] May 1, 1956. References in the Chicago Office will reveal any information that this interview should not be conducted. Chicago will surep on or about May 4, 1956.

Little additional information of pertinence to this case disclosed by FGJ testimony. [redacted]'s interview necessarily delayed until this review completed. It is noted that expedite pre-trial investigations in two cases, Bufile [redacted] entitled [redacted] [redacted] Was., Et Al; LMRA (IM); AR; [redacted]; ANTITRUST", and Bufile [redacted] entitled [redacted] [redacted] Was., Et Al; AR; LMRA (IM); PEROTI", as well as several other expedite matters, have been under investigative activity during the past thirty days.

A report will be submitted in this case immediately following interview of FLOYD.

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Date: May 1, 1956

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To: DIRECTOR, FBI

UNSUBS; MC CARTHY CONSPIRACY  
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Reylet to Bureau 4/24/56 and Springfield let to  
on 4/20/56.

On 5/1/56 VINCE FLOYD requested his appointment  
with Bureau Agents be postponed until 5/4/56 at his office,  
Joliet, Ill. FLOYD's interview handled per his request.  
He furnished no info of value and denied having any hard  
feelings toward FRANCIS CURRAN.

Report will be dictated Monday and submitted on  
or about 5/14/56.

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COMPANY, JOLIET, ILLINOIS, ET AL.  
AR; LMRA (IM)

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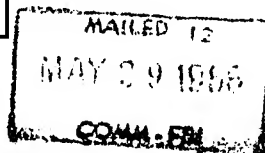
According to T-2 [redacted]

[redacted] labor re-  
presentatives. Although [redacted]  
testified before a Federal Grand Jury [redacted]

[redacted] consideration should be  
given to conducting a well-planned and thorough interview  
of these two men in an effort to develop a violation.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CHICAGO**

REPORT MADE AT <b>CHICAGO</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>5/15/56</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>3/14, 15, 21; 4/18, 25, 30; 5/1, 4, 7/56</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>C. LEONARD TRAVIRANIS</b>
TITLE <b>"CHANGED"</b> <b>UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; McCarthy Construction Company, Joliet, Illinois; FRANKIE JEROME CURRY, Joliet, Illinois</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ANTI-RACKETEERING; LABOR MANAGEMENT RELATIONS ACT OF 1947 (INVESTIGATIVE MATTER)</b>
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;">3-1, 2 7-1</p> <p>USA ROBERT TIEKEN stated information received from T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, indicated possible Hobbs Act or Taft-Hartley Act violations on part of certain sewer and water contractors doing work for City of Joliet, Illinois. Mr. TIEKEN suggested both T-1 and VIRGIL S. FLOYD, the latter awaiting appeal from conviction on Hobbs Act violation, be contacted. Mr. TIEKEN heard FLOYD is "sore" at FRANCIS J. CURRY, characterized by Chicago newspapers as former member Capone mob who controls gambling in Will County, Illinois, and the most logical recipient of any such "payoffs", might be cooperative and identify contractors who allegedly paid money to CURRY. T-1 unable to identify any "payoffs" to labor representatives. FLOYD denied he is "sore" at CURRY and denied knowledge of any "payoffs" by sewer and water contractors for City of Joliet, or that he received any payment over and above the standard trucking fee.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p style="text-align: right;">122-243-204 sub 110/21</p>			
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DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

The title is marked "Chicago" and set forth the full name of FRANCIS JEROME CURRY.

This case was opened on the basis of information furnished by United States Attorney WILLIAM TIEKEN to SA T. [redacted] on March 14, 1956. Mr. TIEKEN stated that T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, had furnished information which indicated [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted] According to T-1, [redacted]

[redacted]

Mr. TIEKEN pointed out that FRANCIS JEROME CURRY of Joliet, Illinois, who it is noted has been characterized by the Chicago newspapers as a former member of the Al Capone mob, controls gambling in Will County, would be the most logical recipient of any such "payoffs". CURRY was identified by Mr. TIEKEN as having operated the farm (from about 1944 to 1947) owned by PAUL DE LUCIA, while DE LUCIA was in prison on an extortion conviction in the Brown-Schiff Movie case.

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Mr. TIEKEN suggested that T-1 be contacted for any possible additional information. He also noted having

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted] VIRGIL S. FLOYD, Secretary-Treasurer of Local 179, International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Warehousemen and Helpers of America, AFL-CIO at Joliet, Illinois, is "sore" at CURRY for CURRY's alleged lack of support for FLOYD during the course of his recent Hobbs Act trial. It is noted FLOYD was convicted and sentenced for two years on December 13, 1954, for violation of the Hobbs Act, which is concerned with Anti-Racketeering. There is pending an appeal of certiorari to the United States Supreme Court based upon this conviction. Mr. TIEKEN suggested [redacted]

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[REDACTED]

It is noted that Assistant United States Attorney [REDACTED] present during the above discussion, suggested to SA [REDACTED] that T-1, an investigator for another Federal Governmental Agency, could possibly furnish additional information in connection with possible "payoffs" by sewer and water contractors in Joliet. T-2 advised SA [REDACTED] on March 15, 1956, that the McCarthy Construction Company of Joliet [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] also  
Oil Company which handles water and blacktop road con-  
tracts. T-2 informed that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Accord-  
ing to T-2, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] VIRGIL S. FLOYD [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] trucking business in Joliet. [REDACTED]

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T-1 subsequently furnished the following  
information to SA [REDACTED]  
1956:

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[REDACTED] According to  
T-2, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[redacted] T-1 informed that [redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]

PERSONAL HISTORY AND BACKGROUND  
OF FRANCIS JEROME CURRY

In the fall of 1946, T-3, who had furnished reliable information in the past, advised SA [redacted] that he obtained the following information regarding FRANCIS JEROME CURRY in 1942, to the effect that CURRY was born December 11, 1902, at Joliet, Illinois, and resided at 516 Western Avenue, Joliet, with his wife, [redacted] and their two children, [redacted]

[redacted] At the time this information came to T-3's attention, CURRY's house (residence) was valued at \$75,000.00 and had been purchased in the name of CURRY's wife. CURRY also, at that time, maintained a residence address of 736 North East 74th Street, Miami, Florida.

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According to T-3, CURRY's education consisted of a grade school education and four years high school. In 1942, CURRY's business affiliation was listed as the Scale and Vending Machine Business, and his earnings were estimated to be \$25,000.00 annually. At that time CURRY was also a farm owner and devoted a large amount of his time to grain and dairy farming.

Also in the fall of 1946, the then Chief of Police at Joliet, Illinois, ERNEST E. OVERBEY, now deceased, furnished SA [redacted] with additional information concerning FRANCIS JEROME CURRY as follows:

FRANCIS CURRY in the earlier days had owned and operated several small taverns in Joliet and had previously been involved in the slot machine business in Will County. He allegedly is a protégé of EDDIE VOGEL, a well known Chicago hoodlum, who, in 1946, was the slot machine king of Will County. According to Chief OVERBEY, CURRY had a reputation as a hoodlum and seemingly is a

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power in Joliet. According to Chief OVERBY, the political setup in Will County, through the Sheriff's Office and other political officials, approved of the activities of CURRY.

Also in the fall of 1946, SA [redacted] was advised by [redacted] the Midwest News Service and Continental Trust Organization, that FRANCIS CURRY was a customer of the Midwest News Service Company on their Telemeter Circuit since 1943, and that [redacted]

[redacted] believe that if CURRY could possibly obtain the financial backing necessary to operate a nation wide service company that he, CURRY, would be the type of individual who would be prompted to organize such a company. It is to be noted that the Midwest News Service Company furnished horse racing information [redacted]

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During the early part of 1954, SA [redacted] obtained the following information from T-4, who had furnished reliable information in the past, regarding FRANCIS JEROME CURRY, to the effect that during the past winter CURRY and his family moved temporarily to Miami, Florida, where CURRY owns and maintains a winter home. According to T-4, [redacted]

CURRY's body guard and representative in Joliet when CURRY is out of town.

Also, according to T-4, CURRY maintains a headquarters at the location of the Shepley Trucking Company of Joliet, Illinois, which is located on Des Plaines Street just south of Jefferson Street near the river. T-4 advised that [redacted]

FRANCIS CURRY.

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to E-5, he said that he was in the fall of 1954.

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[REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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On December 1, 1964, [redacted] was interviewed by SAs [redacted] and [redacted]. CURRY was known to [redacted] and [redacted] as a close friend of [redacted] and [redacted] who, along with [redacted] and [redacted], had been convicted of the Brown-Schoff Hotel case. [redacted] and [redacted] are both deceased. At a request of [redacted] with CURRY, he advised that he did not desire to give any information which might tend to incriminate [redacted] and [redacted] and refused to give information under oath. [redacted] also orally cooperate in answering questions [redacted] to any business transactions he may have had [redacted] and [redacted].



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CURRY advised that he has never contributed any money for PAUL DE LUCIA or others but informed that he probably gave moral support only and that this would do more for PAUL DE LUCIA whom he regarded as a close friend and former associate. CURRY advised that he believed that he had, at the time, met JEROME GICE but informed that he would not recognize this individual if he were to walk into the room during the interview. CURRY further indicated that he is casually acquainted with [redacted] and is well acquainted with PAUL DE LUCIA and the entire DE LUCIA family. He stated that he visited DE LUCIA on one occasion while the latter was in the penitentiary at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, and stated that this visit occurred months prior to DE LUCIA's release from the penitentiary.

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When questioned concerning business activities between himself and PAUL DE LUCIA, CURRY advised that his only business transactions with DE LUCIA involved the operation of DE LUCIA's farm located in Will County, Illinois. CURRY stated that while DE LUCIA was in prison, he, CURRY, rented the farm from DE LUCIA and with the rent money he paid off mortgage payments and other incidentals needed for improvements on the farm.

CURRY said that upon DE LUCIA's release from prison, his auditors and an auditor representing DE LUCIA arranged a settlement between DE LUCIA and CURRY regarding money owed CURRY by DE LUCIA in regard to the farm project. CURRY claimed that while DE LUCIA was in prison, he, CURRY, purchased additional equipment for operation of the farm which was charged to DE LUCIA, and this, according to DE LUCIA's auditor, amounted to approximately \$31,000.00. CURRY stated that his own auditors believed PAUL DE LUCIA still owed CURRY approximately \$14,000.00 to \$17,000.00. According to CURRY, he had not personally discussed this matter with DE LUCIA inasmuch as he had been advised not to contact DE LUCIA while the latter was on parole. However, CURRY stated that after DE LUCIA's parole requirements are fulfilled, he plans to settle this account with DE LUCIA. CURRY did state, however, that he does not care whether DE LUCIA ever pays the balance owed him since DE LUCIA is a trusted friend.



Regarding the identity of other persons who may associate with [REDACTED] DE LUCIA, CURRY stated that he is acquainted with TONY ACCIARDO, who is also known under the alias JOE BATTERS.

When questioned concerning his present activities CURRY stated that he is presently operating the Cooperative Music Company in Joliet, Illinois, and indicated that although he is not actively engaged in the operation of this company, he owns it on a partnership basis with several other persons, one of whom is FRANK LA FORTE.

SA [REDACTED] contacted T-6, who had furnished reliable information in the past on October 13, 1954, for any information in T-6's possession regarding CURRY. It is to be noted that T-6 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] According to T-6, CURRY maintains a warehouse for his enterprises at the Shepley Garage in Joliet [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] T-6 stated that CURRY controls all juke boxes, cigarette machines, and slot machines in Will County. CURRY's cigarette business operates under the name of Wilco, and T-6 indicated that CURRY's main operations are out of the state and CURRY is believed to be the syndicate representative in the cities of Cleveland, Louisville, and Miami.

T-6 advised [REDACTED] the local Teamsters, Bartenders, and Waitresses Union in Joliet, and is convinced that CURRY holds no control whatsoever in these unions or in any other union in Joliet. T-6 stated that [REDACTED] is reportedly a member of the local Teamsters Union and it is a known fact that [REDACTED] in the Joliet area. According to T-6, the Teamsters Union is controlled by VIRGIL S. FLOYD and members of FLOYD's immediate family, and there has never been any indication that there is any connection between VIRGIL S. FLOYD and FRANCIS CURRY.

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As a matter of fact, according to T-6, FLOYD considers himself a large time operator in his own mind and has always had a lucrative position with the union and, therefore, T-6 believes it is very doubtful that FLOYD would be willing to share any of this with anyone else.

In reference to the Bartenders and Waitresses Union in Joliet, T-6 stated that the position of Business Agent for that union was once held by DENNIS KELLY [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] to T-6, is the [REDACTED] Although DENNIS KELLY apparently had syndicate connections, and was shot to death in Hammond, Indiana, about two years ago, [REDACTED] strictly independent of the syndicate, according to T-6.

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In regard to [REDACTED] at the Joliet Police Department, T-6 stated that [REDACTED] CURRY. However, T-6 stated that he knows that [REDACTED] CURRY and to the knowledge of T-6, [REDACTED] no connection in any labor union.

T-7, who had furnished reliable information in the past, was interviewed by SA [REDACTED] on October 13, 1954, and was advised that approximately one month ago T-7 was of the opinion that CURRY may have possibly had some influence in the local Teamsters Union through [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] T-7 stated that approximately eight months ago [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] in Joliet, and because of the [REDACTED] CURRY [REDACTED] T-7 said that CURRY might be exerting some influence in the Teamsters Union. However, T-7 does not actually feel that CURRY is smart or clever enough to carry out any such plan. T-7 stated that he actually has never heard of CURRY exerting any influence in any of the unions in Joliet.

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T-8, who had furnished reliable information in the past, advised SA [redacted] on October 13, 1954, that CURRY is known to him as a farmer in view of the fact that CURRY owns a great deal of farm land in Will County. T-8 advised that CURRY's wife is the daughter of JIM COLLIER, President of the Grand Carniolian Slovenian Catholic Union located on North Broadway in Joliet. According to T-8, [redacted] is an Alternate County Supervisor of Will County and bears a good personal reputation in Joliet.

T-8 advised that [redacted] in the Joliet area and advised that he has never heard of CURRY being connected with any labor unions. T-8 stated that it is common knowledge in and around Joliet that CURRY controls the juke boxes, slot machines, and cigarette vending machines in Will County.

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On October 18, 1954, T-9, who had furnished reliable information in the past, was contacted by SA [redacted] and advised that T-9 [redacted] and [redacted] was strictly a small time operator. With regard to any influence CURRY might have in labor unions in the Joliet area, T-9 stated that he actually has never heard of any such connections. T-9 did indicate, however, that [redacted]

[redacted] any rumors pointing to possible CURRY influence in the union would center around [redacted] According to T-9, [redacted] CURRY and [redacted]

According to T-9, any lucrative connection between any union and CURRY would almost have to be with VIRGIL S. FLOYD, Business Manager of the local Teamsters Union. In this regard, T-9 stated that FLOYD has held this position for many years and to his knowledge there has never even been a rumor of any connection between FLOYD and CURRY.

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VIRGIL S. FLOYD  
Secretary-Treasurer  
Local 179  
International Brotherhood of Teamsters,  
Chauffeur's, Warehouseman and Helpers  
of America, AFL-CIO  
508 North Chicago Avenue  
Joliet, Illinois

FLOYD was contacted at his place of business on May 4, 1956, by SAs [REDACTED]. At the outset of the interview FLOYD was advised of his right to counsel and that anything he said could be used against him in a court of law. FLOYD indicated his willingness to furnish any information he had. By way of background he stated he had been connected with the labor movement for approximately 26 years and that he had been placed in his present capacity with Local 179 by HENRY BURGER during the early 1930's. He alleged that the first incident of threatened armed violence which was to predominate the labor relations in the Chicago area, occurred in the vicinity of Joliet during the early 1930's. The incident involved three gunmen who contacted him and ordered his men off the job. He claimed that as a result of his fight with this hoodlum element within labor, HENRY BURGER and his wife were badly injured by gunfire. He therefore feels eternally indebted to HENRY BURGER who he claimed "made him".

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FLOYD explained that it had been his desire to get out of the Union business for many years and after World War II ended he made an arrangement with the Walsh Oil Company whereby that company would put up some money for the purchase of trucks which he would operate under his own name. The purchase price of the trucks would be loaned to the Walsh Oil Company on a portion basis. He stated that only approximately \$5,000.00 was a part of this arrangement. It was understood that this newly created Walsh Trucking Company would handle all of the trucking for the Walsh Company.

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He claimed the rate charged at all times by his company was the Standard rate per hour for all similar type trucking as charged in Aurora, Elgin, Wheaton, Maywood, and Waukegan, Illinois. However, the trucking business did not work out for him and so two or three attempts were made during the past several years to dispose of the trucks. The company eventually became known as the Dodds Trucking and Excavating Company, 116 South Park Road, Joliet, Illinois. All of the trucks have been disposed of under an arrangement which he hoped this time would not result in the trucks being turned back to him.

FLOYD claimed that in connection with the Mc Carthy Construction Company, he had waited a long time to collect a \$1,100.00 trucking fee. The only charges made to the Mc Carthy Construction Company were those for the standard rate for five yard trucks, namely about \$6.00 per hour. This was the same rate charged by other trucking concerns. He said at that time he knew from past dealings with [redacted] that he would be a long time getting paid. Finally one day [redacted] told him that although [redacted] going to pay him the \$1,100.00, any further trucking which he did for the J. V. Mc Carthy Company would be done at his own risk as to payment. Therefore FLOYD said he discontinued hauling for the Mc Carthy Construction Company.

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Concerning FRANCIS JEROME CURRY, FLOYD stated that his first contact with CURRY concerned an occasional arrangement he had with CURRY during the 1930's whereby FLOYD's Union would cooperate with CURRY in restraining truck drivers from making deliveries to an establishment which did not install various vending machines operated by CURRY. In return CURRY always had members of local 179 to deliver these vending machines.

FLOYD stated that at no time did CURRY ever take advantage of him and that he certainly was not "sore" at CURRY in any way whatsoever. He said he has not seen CURRY

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for more than a year. He described CURRY as being an associate of various top business executives of Joliet, and an astute businessman who probably spends all of his time in Florida. Other than the several instances in which CURRY and he cooperated as set forth above, he recalls only one occasion approximately twelve to fifteen years ago in which he had some connection with CURRY. At the time various department stores and local 179 were having difficulty and as a result no deliveries were being made. CURRY who was in touch with the officials of these various department stores arranged a meeting between these executives and himself to arbitrate. As a result, an arrangement was reached within twenty minutes. CURRY was not present at the time and CURRY simply was the first one to contact the Union and suggest that some solution be arrive at through arbitration.

FLOYD said he had read in newspapers of alleged payoffs on the part of certain sewer and water contractors in the City of Joliet but that he knew of no "payoffs" in that connection and as previously stated he received no payment over and above the standard trucking fee which he had to wait a long time to receive. Furthermore, FLOYD claimed he knew of no other payoffs in the road building industry and further informed that did he know of such he would so state.

It is to be noted that FLOYD claimed that the only persons he was "sore" at were "those hillbillies" from Kansas, Nebraska, and similar states who "lied" on the witness stand at his trial.

The following description of CURRY was secured in the course of previous investigations:

Name:	FRANCIS CERRIL CURRY
Sex:	Male
Race:	White
Date of birth:	December 11, 1902
Place of birth:	Joliet, Illinois

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Residence: 516 Western Avenue  
Joliet, Illinois  
Height: 6'  
Weight: 120 lbs.  
Build: Slender, slightly stooped  
Hair: Brown, thin, bald on top  
Eyes: Blue  
Complexion: Light  
Scars and Marks: None  
Occupation: Farmer and juke box operator  
Marital status: Married; wife, [redacted]  
daughter, [redacted] son.  
[redacted]  
Nationality: Irish  
Peculiarities: Small head;  
long face;  
squinty eyes;  
large protruding ears;  
large Adams apple  
Dress: Wears sports clothes generally;  
Seldom wears a hat  
Characteristics: Nervous type;  
Chews gum  
Takes large and long

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Information furnished by T-3 through T-9, was taken from report of SA [redacted] at Chicago, dated November 1, 1954, and entitled, "UNSUBS; FRANCIS JEROME CURRY, ETAL, Anti-Racketeering", (Bufile 92-1369).

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One copy of this report is being designated  
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subject of Springfield File 123-550.

THE SPRINGFIELD DIVISION

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Will discuss the facts of this case with United  
States Attorney ROBERT TIEREN regarding his  
opinion and will keep Bureau advised.

REFERENCE

Chicago airtels to the Bureau dated 21-1-56  
Bureau airtel to Chicago dated March 1956  
Springfield letter to Chicago dated 20-1-56  
Chicago letter to the Bureau dated 2-1-56

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DATE: July 8, 1956

FROM :

S. J. CHICAGO (92-1807)

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Enclosed is the report of *100* *100* *100*  
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REPORT MADE AT <b>CHICAGO</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>7/2 /56</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>5/31; 6/8, 12, 13, 14/56</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>GLE:mal</b>
TITLE <b>UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; McCarthy Construction Company, Joliet, Illinois; FRANCIS JEROME CURRY, Joliet, Illinois</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ANTI-RACKETEERING; LABOR MANAGEMENT RELATIONS ACT OF 1947 (INVESTIGATIVE MATTER)</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 10px 0;"> <p>[redacted] Walsh Oil Company, Joliet, Illinois, believes company made some "payoffs" to labor representatives, but not by him. He requested [redacted] Walsh Oil Company, be interviewed to secure this information. [redacted] admitted several \$100 "payoffs" to each of following: 1) TONY AUGUSTILLO, deceased, former Business Agent, Local 75, Laborers Union, Joliet; 2) BILL DOWNEY, deceased, Business Agent for Local Plumbers Union, Joliet, Illinois; and 3) [redacted] Local Operating Engineers Union, Joliet. Last "payoff" [redacted] about 1953, with total of about five such "payoffs" [redacted] all paid out of company expense account [redacted] No threats or demands ever made [redacted] "Payoffs" [redacted] made to insure competent labor force furnished by [redacted] Walsh Oil Company jobs. [redacted] emphatically denied any "payoffs" to FRANCIS JEROME CURRY or VIRGIL FLOYD. USA ROBERT ECKEN declined prosecution as facts do not constitute a Federal violation.</p> </div>			
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DETAILS: AT JOLIET, ILLINOIS

[redacted]  
Walsh Oil Company  
Joliet, Illinois

[redacted] interviewed jointly by SAs [redacted]  
[redacted] on June 12, 1956 at the  
Walsh Oil Company office. At the outset of this interview  
[redacted] informed of his right to counsel and that  
anything he said could be used against him in a court of  
law.

By way of background, [redacted] that he  
was one of the original officials who founded the Walsh  
Oil Company approximately twenty-five years ago. Primarily  
the company has been engaged in road construction work.

He said the McCarthy Construction Company of  
Joliet was formed in about 1948 with J. V. MC CARTHY as  
President; EMMETT MUTHICK as another official and the  
third official of the corporation was a FRANK (LNU).  
The company was formed for two purposes:

1. To establish J. V. MC CARTHY back in  
business.
2. To bid on sewer and water contracts for  
which the city of Joliet had no bid.

The McCarthy Construction Company is no longer  
doing business.

[redacted] claimed he did not know whether or not  
the Walsh Oil Company helped finance VIRGIL S. FLOYD,  
Secretary-Treasurer, Local 177, Teamsters Union, in his

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venture into the trucking business. He said, however, although he is Secretary-Treasurer of the Walsh Oil Company, checks are signed by either himself or H. J. Walsh, President, Walsh Oil Company. Since there is no direct knowledge on the part of each man in the trucking business, the signature of either man on Walsh Oil Company checks is adequate. Furthermore, it is entirely possible that any assistance which might have been rendered to VIRCIL FLOYD could have been done without his knowledge.

After the end of World War II and up until the Walsh Oil Company sold its asphalt plant in 1951, the trucking company owned by VIRCIL FLOYD did the vast majority of the company's trucking work. For example, if in any one year 50,000 tons were trucked, FLOYD would have done approximately 45,000 tons.

[redacted] he believes it is possible that a higher rate might have been paid to FLOYD than would have been the normal rate but he admitted he had no basis for this belief such as comparable rates charged by competitors in the trucking business. Since FLOYD was also the Business Agent of the Teamsters Union, he felt it was "in the interest of public relations" to have FLOYD do their trucking.

[redacted] he believes that some "payoffs" were made to labor representatives by the Walsh Oil Company, but absolutely none were made by him. He requested that any information along this line be secured from EDWARD J. WALSH, President, Walsh Oil Company. He refused to furnish any further information on this subject.

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[redacted]  
Walsh Oil Company  
Joliet, Illinois

[redacted] interviewed jointly by SAs [redacted]  
[redacted] on June 12, 1956 at the Walsh Oil Company office.

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At the outset of the interview [redacted] informed of his right to counsel and that anything he said could be used against him in a court of law.

[redacted] loaned VINCE FLOYD approximately \$5000 or \$10,000 so that FLOYD could establish a trucking business. Since then FLOYD has paid back all of this money. FLOYD put up as collateral a mortgage on his home and this mortgage was cancelled approximately six months ago. At the time the Walsh Oil Company loaned this money to FLOYD, he felt rather secure in getting it paid back because if he so desired he could always let the trucking bill run up as high as the money loaned and this would cancel out the loan. However, it was never necessary to handle the loan on this basis and the Walsh Oil Company paid for the trucking service as billed by FLOYD and FLOYD in turn paid off the amount loaned.

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[redacted] dealings with FLOYD with regard to trucking rates be on a per ton or per unit basis rather than on an hourly basis. He noted that FLOYD had purchased equipment in his trucking business and [redacted] not want to be in a position of having to pay for time used in the possible repair of this equipment while it was supposed to be in operation [redacted]

At this point during the interview, various invoices rendered by FLOYD's trucking company were discussed [redacted] It was noted on several of these invoices that FLOYD's trucking concern had billed the Walsh Oil Company at the rate of 50¢ per ton for hauling sand. [redacted] for example this was a particularly cheap rate for the Walsh Oil Company. [redacted] there is a special rate allowed by the railroads for hauling sand which is approximately 35¢ per ton. However, this rail

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service would require hiring two laborers to assist in the unloading of each gondola. This would bring the cost per ton of something in excess of \$03. Therefore, he felt that his rate on sand with FLOYD's trucking concern was to his advantage.

An examination of various invoices submitted by FLOYD's trucking company to the Walsh Oil Company in all instances reflected a rate based upon a per unit or per ton figure. [redacted] always drove the best deal he could with FLOYD. By helping FLOYD finance a trucking company, he guaranteed an adequate trucking source for the Walsh Oil Company and at the same time obviated the necessity for the Walsh Oil Company to maintain its own fleet of trucks.

[redacted] while it is possible that the rate charged by FLOYD might have been higher than from another source, he felt that it was good business and he definitely does not consider that he made any concealed "payoff" to FLOYD in this manner.

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[redacted] denied that any "payoffs" had ever been made in any obvious or in any concealed manner to VIRGIL FLOYD or FRANCIS JEROME STERN.

[redacted] however, he having made several \$100 "payoffs" to BENNY AUGUSTINO, deceased former Business Agent, Local 75, Laborers Union, Joliet, Illinois. The last year he paid this money to AUGUSTINO was possible in 1949 or 1950. It was paid out of the expense account which he draws with the Walsh Oil Company.

He explained that it is important for any contractor to be able to pick his men for a job. By "slipping"

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\$100 to AUGUSTINO approximately once a year between 1945 and 1949 or 1950, he was not bothered by AUGUSTINO appearing on the scene of his job and making complaints about minor violations of the union contract. For example, the contract might call for the payment of an additional 20¢ per hour if the men worked in a ditch which was over eight feet deep. If such a technicality were not called to their attention by the Business Agent, it would not be necessary to pay the additional 20¢ as the employees would not be aware of such a technicality.

[redacted] also "slipped" \$100 to BILL DOWNEY, deceased former Business Agent for the Local Plumbers Union for the same reasons as set forth above.

[redacted] for example, a plumber might install a water main and although it is a simple job to construct a brick enclosure for this main, technically a Business Agent could insist that this work be done by bricklayers which would necessitate an additional expense to the company.

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[redacted] having paid \$100 yearly to [redacted] Local Operating Engineers, Joliet, Illinois. The last payment [redacted] occurred in approximately 1953 and he estimated he had "slipped" [redacted] \$100 on perhaps five occasions.

There is no company record of these payments as they were made out of expense money allowed him by the Walsh Oil Company. However, [redacted] no occasion ever made any threats or demands upon him or the company for this money. [redacted] paid this [redacted] for good will purposes.

[redacted] no other payments were made [redacted] than those cited above.

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The facts in this case were discussed with United States Attorney ROBERT TILNEY by SA [REDACTED] on June 14, 1956. Mr. TILNEY declined prosecution in this case as to FRANCIS JAMES CURRY and VIRGIL S. FLORE as the facts do not constitute a Federal violation. No further investigation was requested in this case.

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incident. The following information was received from the  
Civil 1620, Joliet, Illinois, on 10/12/46. The  
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entitled: "Dr. J. J. [redacted], President, Joliet  
Army, Joliet, Illinois; [redacted], President,  
Operating Engineers Union, [redacted], Joliet, Illinois;  
[redacted], 1947 [redacted]. Descriptions of [redacted] and [redacted]  
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Report of SA [redacted] 5/15/50 at [redacted]

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Bureau letter to [redacted] 5/27/54.

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